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Letter dated July 31, 1906 to Commissioner of Indian Affairs
from William E. Casson

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Carson City, Nevada.

July 31, 1906.

Will E. Casson,
Special Allotting Agent.

Report on Allotments on
Walker River Indian
Reservation.

During my visit to the reservation on the 28th inst. I was informed by Mr. H. A. Lovegrove, the former in charge, that the Indians had already

settled the subject over with Mr. Lovegrove, he stated that the Indians

had not matter over before I came, and agreed that they would allow

him to make the settlement between them. The Indians have every confidence in Mr. Lovegrove, and at the time I began the work I was a stranger

and they naturally preferred to have Mr. Lovegrove settle their differences. As a rule one is obliged to give way to another small tract of

cultivated lands, but on the whole the matter was equitable. I explain this at this time in order that your office will

understand why I did not carry out that part of the instructions; and while the Indians are now very friendly with me, I still think they

would prefer to have Mr. Lovegrove settle their differences. I never dealt with Indians who were any more agreeable, after

we became acquainted, than these Indians were, and I believe with Mr. Lovegrove. It is true that an irrigation system is put in for them, they will

be a progressive, and they are as a rule, very good workers. Very respectfully,

Special Allotting Agent.

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CARSON, WM
TO C. A.
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(HON. BOX 11)

Respectfully I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. explaining the situation as given to you above, and in Carson City, Nevada. Section I had taken of giving the substance of the matter July 31st, 1906, and Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and some of the people at Washington, D. C. I have been married and work on the Sir, - and.

I have the honor to make the following report on allotment work on the Walker River Reservation in Nevada. The Walker River is served by the Walker River. Before beginning the work I made it a point to get acquainted with as many of the Indians as I could and talked the situation over with them. I found that some of the Indians, who could be considered heads of families, had improved lands and were doing all they could to get ahead. In looking the situation over I concluded, after agreeing with the Indians on the point, that the proper way to do was to, if possible, allot twenty acres each to all of the Indians instead of giving heads of families twenty acres each and the others ten acres each. In doing this we gave the Indians who had cultivated lands first choice; and then allotted the remainder, heads of families, in the section where water could easily be put on the land from the present ditches. The older people and young babies were allotted farther south in the neighborhood of the Lake, where the soil is sandy, and the wives and older children were allotted north of the present cultivated area, on very good lands, but those which will not come under irrigation for sometime perhaps. When Mr. Code came, I went with him over the situation, driving over the allotments and explaining the matter to him, and he approved of

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Commissioner Leupp in San Francisco, and with my maps explained the situation as given to you above, and he fully approved of the action I had taken of giving the ambitious energetic Indians the better land, and placing the old people who never can use their land, and some of the young children, who will probably never reach manhood and womanhood, on the poor lands.

The grazing lands, as you will notice by the map which you have in your office, surround the allotments, and the River is covered by the grazing lands and allotments from the time it enters the Reservation until it enters the Lake. Quite an area of the Lake front was also reserved in order that the Indians could always have access to it. A tract of about two hundred acres was left to the west of the railroad station of Schunz, in order that if there is a town there it will provide a market for labor and products of the Indians.

This matter was talked over with some of the representative Indians and they realized, that if a town is established there it will be of benefit to them. There are no lands around the Depot that can be had for that purpose, as it has been allotted to the Indians, and we were obliged to use every available twenty acre tract in order to have enough to go around.

The timber lands given them are all of the timber that can be taken out of the mountains, as those further south are on the Lake front, and no means of getting the timber out of the mountains. Superintendent Asbury and myself agreed it would not be worth while to make the reserve and have it to protect against prospectors and miners. I told the

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agreement in writing as to the settlement of the differences between them on cultivated lands. They explained to me that they had already arranged that matter with Mr. R. A. Lovegrove, the farmer in charge. In talking the subject over with Mr. Lovegrove, he stated that the Indians talked that matter over before I came, and agreed that they would allow him to make the settlements between them. The Indians have every confidence in Mr. Lovegrove, and at the time I began the work I was a stranger and they naturally preferred to have Mr. Lovegrove settle their differences. As a rule one is obliged to give way to another small tracts of cultivated lands, but on the whole the matter was equitable.

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Very respectfully,

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